



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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I. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Montana Department of Corrections to ensure that all program design, planning, development, management and evaluation activities incorporate generally accepted research principles and information, as well as reference to generally accepted correctional publications and pertinent state, regional and national corrections data.

II. AUTHORITY:

53-1-201, MCA. Purpose of the Department of Corrections

53-1-203, MCA. Duties of the Department of Corrections

DOC 1.1.3. Organization and Responsibility

III. DEFINITIONS:

None.

IV. PROCEDURES:

- A. Consistent and accurate collection of specifically defined information and data elements is to be an integral part of all Department programs.
- B. Proposed policy and program changes will incorporate references to relevant corrections literature as well as to available state, regional and national corrections data.

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C. All appropriate corrections program development activities will address definition of monitoring and evaluation criteria, practices and data elements.

D. Fiscal resources to support program monitoring and evaluation activities will be included within the budgets of all appropriate corrections programs.

V. CLOSING:

Questions concerning this policy shall be directed to the Administrator of the Administrative Services Division.